

Happy Birthday!

Marie Johnson 7-13

Happy Anniversary!

Rellon & Michelle Burris 7.14.95



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS...

*Our pantry is in need of a restock! If you are able, we are seeking a variety of different food items to have prepared for those in need. Our youth will use these items to prepare food boxes, and these boxes will be available to hand out when needed. There is a paper in the back of the auditorium with all the items we are requesting. Please have any donation brought to the annex by July 24th.

July 17-22: JSCYC

August 13: Ladies Day with Emily Hatfield.

August 17-25: PTP

November 6-9: Gospel Meeting here with Cliff Goodwin

November 18-20: Fall family retreat in Smithville, Tn. Please sign up in the back if you plan on going.

Requested Prayers: Mike Martin

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To Be Saved, JESUS Said We MUST...

Believe Him (Jn.8:24; Heb.11:6)

Repent of our sins (Lk.13:3, 5)

Confess Christ (Rom.10:9-10)

Be immersed in water for remission of sins
(Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.6:3-4)

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Schedule of Services

Sunday: Bible Classes @ 9:00 a.m.
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Worship @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Classes @ 7:00 p.m.

Radio: "The Lord's Word" on WLIV 920 AM
10:10 a.m. Monday - Saturday
(We broadcast Thursday, Friday, and Saturday)

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"Jesus Was Not Afraid to Be a Lion"

By Brad Harrub of Focus Press

How does Satan win modern-day battles? One way is by successfully convincing Christians not to engage in battle—to instead focus on how we come across to others and how we “appear” to those in our culture. He has convinced Christians and many preachers/elders that being nice is the only way we can demonstrate a Christian spirit. Sure, we read about the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6)—and we may even talk about it at VBS—but we currently live in a culture where it is politically incorrect to actually suit up and go into battle.

Satan has convinced Christians to focus so much attention on niceness that we have totally lost sight of righteousness. A quick look at the New Testament reveals Jesus and His disciples were a lot more concerned about righteousness, rather than making and keeping friends. Jesus was not concerned about being nice and making friends with the greedy moneychangers. Jesus was not concerned about being nice and making friends with the religious hypocrites. Jesus was concerned about doing the will of His Father.

We have been silenced into thinking we should never make someone mad or else we may not be able to convert them. Obviously, as Christians we should never be mean-spirited or antagonistic. But if Jesus and His disciples couldn't convert everyone they interacted with, what makes you think you can?! There will always be people out there who have stiffened their necks against God. Don't allow those individuals to silence you!

Friends hear this loud and clear—Jesus had no problem making some people mad. In fact, He made people so mad they ended up killing Him. Stop and really think about that: Jesus angered people so much they want to kill Him. Many of the apostles did the same and experienced horrendous deaths.

But also notice neither Jesus nor His disciples were willing to compromise or sugar-coat the Truth. He knew there was a battle going on, and Jesus was not afraid to engage the enemy. He was not afraid to call people out.

Take a minute and look at some of the phrases Jesus used in Matthew 23.

But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! (v 13)

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! (v 14)

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! (v 15)

Woe to you, blind guides, (v 16)

Fools and blind! (v 17)

Fools and blind! (v 19)

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! (v 23)

Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! (v 24)

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ...inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. (v 25)

Blind Pharisee (v 26)

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness (v 27)

Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. (v 28)

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! (v 29)

Serpents, brood of vipers! (v 33)

Fast forward to our common era and social media. Imagine for just a moment if I called religious hypocrites or immoral pagans even a fraction the names Jesus used in Matthew 23. Social media would blow up as preachers and those seeking to take the moral high ground called me out as "unloving" and "hateful." I would be "tar and feathered" in the virtual world for not loving my neighbor—and I can assert this confidently, because it has happened to me in the past. And yet, Jesus used these names—and He didn't back off. He kept calling them names. He kept piling on the insults. He kept pointing out their wicked hearts.

Friends, Jesus had no problem calling people out. He did not walk on eggshells, always worrying about what people thought. Yes, Jesus was the sacrificial lamb that we all needed, but He was also the Lion of Judah. Jesus was more than nice. We know according to Scripture that God is love (1 John 4:8). Sometimes love means rebuking someone practicing immorality. Sometimes love means reproofing things that are displeasing to the Lord (2 Timothy 4:2). Jesus loved individuals enough to say the hard things that needed to be said.

Please stop allowing Satan to sit you down comfortably at the tables Jesus flipped. Do not be afraid to suit up and engage the enemy. Why would you need the whole armor of God if there was never going to be a battle? Jesus said: "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you" (John 15:18-19). Maybe instead of trying to always be nice and make the world love us we should ask ourselves why we covet the love of the world in the first place!

Area Hospitals & Rehabs:

Sick at Home Asking for Prayers:

Jerry Wilson, Caden Hodnett

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Linda Vickers, John Cason

Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:

Bethesada: Grace Sloan

Cedar Hill Senior Living: Jean Haney

Mabry: Lovena (Cricket) Wilson, **Fred Heady, Ray Pippin, Thurell Flatt**

Hartsville Rehab: Sherry Arms

NHC: Paul Pippin, **Connie Ballard**

CRMC Rehab: Dorman Laycox

Michigan: Linda Lee Spivey

Vanderbilt: Denise Griffin

**Those Battling Ongoing Health Issues-
Prayer List:**

Adele Birdwell, Barbara Scott, Barbara Walker, Carrol (Stick) Hensley, Debbie Allen, Hillary Broome, Isabel Bray great niece of Royce Jeanie Thomas, Hayden Birdwell, Jo Helen Brown, Lela Durham, Lena Smith daughter of Ben, Lora Cravens, Margie Dyer, Margie Goodwin, Moydene Robinson, Nick Taylor co worker of Ambre, Pauline Mocerri, Peggy Anderson, Raymond Haney, Roger Dailey bro. of Bonnie J, Reva Pittillo, Sandy Haney, Savanna Davidson daughter of Donnie Mayberry, Sherri Merwine, Velma Hix, Perry Hamilton

BATTLING CANCER

Anna Lee Burchett, Barry Turner, Ben Young, Carl Call Sr., Debbie Meadows, Frances Luck, Jerry Wilson, Kinner Hawkins, Layla Ledbetter, Lori Davenport, Maibelle Dyer, Mike Hamlet, Nathan West brother of Ella Martin, Peggy Carr friend of Barbara Stafford, Rex Berry, Rosie Killian & Roslyn Stout sister of Ruby, Ruby Anderson, Steve Higginbotham, Vickie Pigg, Villary Campbell

Privileged to Serve July 17, 2022

Ushers	Greg Scott
.....	Chick Ransom
Announcements	Trent Jones
Song Leader	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading	Dale Dennis
Speaker	John Mabery
Opening Prayer	Jerry Young
Closing Prayer	Jim Young
Oversee Lord's Supper..	Mike Martin
Prepare Trays	
Scripture Reading.....	Chris Mabery
Serve	Mike Birdwell
.....	Brian Trisdale
.....	Trent Jones
.....	Harry Young
.....	Ronnie Martin
.....	Chris Fox
Alternate to Serve	Sjon Gentry
.....	Jackson Conner
Dismiss Classes	Roy Young
Count Contribution	Tim Mitchell
.....	Donnie Mayberry
.....	Jimmy Strong
.....	Jacob Martin
Response Card	Roy Young
PowerPoint.....	Kevin Moss
Live Stream.....	Brian Trisdale
Adult Bible Class.....	John Mabery

Sunday Evening July 17, 2022

Speaker	Carl Call
Scripture Reading	Randy Duke
Song Leader	Roger Anderson
Opening Prayer	Mike Martin
Closing Prayer	Steve Hensley
PowerPoint.....	Jonathan Conner

Wednesday Evening July 20, 2022

Song Leader	Randy Duke
Devotional	Jeremy Kirby
Opening Prayer	Roy Young
Closing Prayer	Jackson Conner
Adult Bible Study.....	Ronald Strong
Powerpoint.....	Blake Maberry

Let Rellon Burris know if you can't serve.

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